

WLB Women's Legislative Briefing 2016

**Pioneering Justice for Women and Girls
through Legislation, Education, Advocacy, and Policy**

Program – Sunday, January 31, 2016

THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE, BUILDING II

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| 10:30 AM | Registration Opens for Presidents' Networking Reception
<i>Multipurpose Room Lobby, Building II</i> |
| 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | Presidents' Networking Session
(Open only to leaders of community co-sponsoring organizations)
<i>Gaithersburg Room, Building II</i> |
| 11:30 AM | General Registration Opens / Refreshments |
| 12:30 – 1:15 PM | Opening Ceremony
<i>Multipurpose Room, Building II</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Debra Bright Harris, President, Montgomery County Commission for Women■ Lorna Forde, Chair, 2016 Women's Legislative Briefing Planning Committee Greetings from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Honorable Rushern Baker III, Prince George's County Executive■ The Honorable Ben Cardin, US Senate |
| 1:15 – 2:00 PM | Keynote Panel Discussion featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Honorable Chris Van Hollen, US House of Representatives■ The Honorable John Sarbanes, US House of Representatives■ The Honorable John Delaney, US House of Representatives■ The Honorable Donna Edwards, US House of Representatives |
| 2:00 – 2:15 PM | Greetings from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Honorable Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive |
| 2:15 – 2:30 PM | Break |

2:30 – 3:45 PM

Seminar Series I

A. Health and Safety for Women

Bethesda Room, Building II

Human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence

Moderator: **The Honorable Susan Lee**,
Maryland State Senate

Panelists:

- **Cynthia Lifson**, Legislative Counsel,
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
- **Lisae Jordan**, Esq., Legislative Counsel and
Executive Director, Maryland Sexual Assault
Coalition
- **Laurie Duker**, Executive Director, Court Watch
Montgomery
- **Amanda Rodriguez, Esq.**, Human Trafficking
Policy Advisor, Turn Around Inc.

C. Caring for the Caregiver: Health Care and Senior Women

Room 2032, Building II

Support for primary caregivers providing eldercare

Moderator: **The Honorable Terri Hill**,
Maryland House of Delegates

Panelists:

- **Ilene Rosenthal**, Program Director, Alzheimer's
Association, Greater Maryland
- **Tammy Bresnahan**, Director of Advocacy,
AARP MD
- **Judith Kozlowski**, Senior Advisor to Assistant
Secretary for Aging, US Department of Health and
Human Services
- **Tina Purser Langley**, Senior Health and Wellness
Coordinator, Montgomery County Department of Health
and Human Services Aging and Disability Services

B. Emerging Population: How to Address the Needs of Unique Populations

Room 3032, Building II

*Women veterans, immigrant women, and women who
have been incarcerated*

Moderator: **Mimi Hassanein**, Senior Fellow and
Middle Eastern Community Liaison,
Office of Community Partnerships,
Montgomery County Government

Panelists:

- **Frieda Dawkins**, Female Reentry Specialist,
Bon Secours Community Work
- **Alma Couverthie**, Senior Director of Community
Organizing, Casa de Maryland
- **Yun Jung Yang, Esq.**, Law Offices of
Yun Jung Yang, LLC

D. Advocacy: Lessons Learned by Top Advocacy Campaigns in Maryland

Gaithersburg Room, Building II

*Learn the do's and don'ts of grassroots advocacy
campaigns*

Moderator: **Pat Cornish**, Commissioner,
Maryland Commission for Women

Panelists:

- **Ellen Bogage**, President and CEO,
Chesapeake Public Strategies
- **Melissa Broome**, Deputy Director,
Job Opportunities Task Force
- **Merry Eisner Heidorn**, Policy Director,
Start Schools Later, Montgomery County
- **Rev. Linda Thomas**, First Baptist Church of
Glenarden

Emerging Leaders Seminar Series I

E. The Legislative Process 101

Room 3230, Building III

The legislative process is more than "How a bill becomes a law"

Moderator: **Kimberly McLurkin Harris**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Theta Omega Omega Chapter

- Panelists:
- **The Honorable Delegate Marice Morales**, Maryland House of Delegates
 - **Clare Bresnahan**, Executive Director, She Should Run
 - **Victor Barkley, Jr.**, Student, Wheaton High School

3:45 - 4:00 PM

Break

4:00 - 5:15 PM

Seminar Series II

F. Economic Justice and Opportunity

Gaithersburg Room, Building II

Flexibility, paid leave, poverty issues, economic future planning

Moderator: **Reggie Oldak**, Senior Counsel and
Director of Government Relations,
National Women's Law Center

Panelists:

- **The Honorable Ariana Kelly**,
Maryland House of Delegates
- **Former Councilmember Valerie Ervin**,
Participatory Democracy Project Executive Director,
Working Families
- **Sarah Mysiewicz Gill**, Senior Legislative
Representative, AARP
- **Pam Luckett**, Chair, Community Action Board
- **Melissa Broome**, Deputy Director,
Jobs Opportunities Task Force

G. Women in Leadership

Bethesda Room, Building II

*How legislation, education, advocacy, and policy
affect women in leadership*

Moderator: **The Honorable Anne Kaiser**,
Majority Leader, Maryland House of
Delegates

Panelists:

- **The Honorable Nancy Navarro**,
Montgomery County Council
- **Sally Botsai**, Department of Defense
- **Perry Barber**, Baseball Umpire

H. Women in STEM

Room 3032, Building II

*Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and
Mathematics*

Moderator: **Angela Graham**, CEO, Quality Biologics
Panelists:

- **The Honorable Aruna Miller**,
Maryland House of Delegates
- **Dr. Nawal Benmouna**, Department Chair, Science,
Engineering and Technology, Montgomery College
- **Homayara Aziz, M.D.**
- **Pamela Conrad**, NASA-Goddard
- **Chris M. Richardson**, Rapid Changing Technology

I. Documentary Screening of A Path Appears

Room 2032, Building II

Learn more about human trafficking

Moderator: **Barbara Mintz**, Commissioner,
Montgomery County Commission for Women

Emerging Leaders Seminar Series II

J. Making a Difference in Your Community

Room 3230, Building III

*Interactive skills-building workshop using advocacy
skills in tackling issues impacting local communities.*

Moderator: **Denise M. Joseph**, Education,
Community and Youth Advocate

5:15 - 6:00 PM

Reception

Meet and Greet with Speakers, Elected Officials, and Attendees

Multipurpose Room, Building II

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